

## **Cross-state comparison of average writing scale scores, grade 8 public schools: 2002**

Grade 8

**Instructions:** Read down the column directly under a jurisdiction name listed in the heading at the top of the chart. Match the shading intensity surrounding a jurisdiction's abbreviation to the key below to determine whether the average writing scale score of this jurisdiction was found to be higher than, not significantly different from, or lower than the jurisdiction in the column heading. For example, note the column under Virginia: Virginia's score was lower than Connecticut, Department of Defense Domestic Schools, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Department of Defense Overseas Schools, about the same as all the states from Ohio through Florida, and higher than the remaining states down the column.

Jurisdiction had higher average scale score than the jurisdiction listed at the top of the figure.

No significant difference detected from the jurisdiction listed at the top of the figure.

Jurisdiction had lower average scale score than the jurisdiction listed at the top of the figure.

<sup>†</sup> Indicates that the jurisdiction did not meet one or more of the guidelines for school participation in 2002.

<sup>1</sup> Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools.

<sup>2</sup> Department of Defense Dependents Schools (Overseas).

**NOTE:** The between-jurisdiction comparisons take into account sampling and measurement error and that each jurisdiction is being compared with every other jurisdiction. Significance is determined by an application of a multiple-comparison procedure (see appendix A).

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2002 Writing Assessment.